



InfoVan

What is an InfoVan?

An InfoVan is essentially Information and Assistance on wheels. It is designed to distribute and link individuals to information about services for seniors and adults with disabilities.

InfoVans are a cargo van with 2 person seating capacity. They are easily identifiable in style and color, and communicate the mission, name, sponsors, the 1-800-510-2020 contact number, and other essential information on the sides, front and rear of the vehicle. There are 36 InfoVans throughout the state of California designed to travel through 41 counties with vital information. They are rigged to easily transport information and referral tools. The tools range from table, chairs, TV, VCR, DVD, Web TV, canopies, and storage shelf.

What is the InfoVan's purpose?

The InfoVan's purpose is to provide outreach to special populations where they congregate, where they live and in languages that are appropriate. The InfoVans will carry an array of useful information and educational tools including:

- ❖ How, why and when to access services
- ❖ Specific linkage information
- ❖ Successful independent living strategies
- ❖ Health and safety tips, exhibits, videos, etc.

InfoVans were initiated by Community Outreach for Independent Living (COIL), a pilot project funded by a Long-Term Care Innovation Grant, part of Governor Davis' "Aging With Dignity" Initiative administered by the California Department of Aging. The purpose of COIL was to help California's diverse aging population and those with disabilities to live independently as long as possible.

- ❖ Increasing awareness of, and access to, vital information and social services
- ❖ Linking individuals to appropriate services including case management
- ❖ Providing quality caregiver support

Who staffs the InfoVans?

InfoVans are being sent into communities accompanied by Area Agency on Aging (AAA) staff and/or volunteers to provide the human link that people seek.



